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The Valley Star catches up with Julianne Hough and her new movie, the upcoming "Footloose".



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A gallery of Tammy Abbott's work with the Valley Star.

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OBITUARY TAMMY DEBRA ABBOTT



COURTESY OF JACQUI BROWN

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JACQUI BROWN
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Tammy Abbott, 53, left us peacefully early Sunday morning after a two-decade battle with cancer and various other illnesses. She was surrounded by those who loved her most. No matter how dire the circumstances, she fought gallantly, but always with grace. She taught those around her how to be brave in the face of adversity. She was truly a warrior in every possible way and will be missed tremendously by family, friends and especially her daughter Rachel.

For those lucky enough to have known Tammy, they knew her humor was always a little to the left of center. She was a force to be reckoned with when it came to creativity. Her home was filled with blasts of color in every painting that hung on her walls, all painted by her, of course. Before she got sick, she had her mind set on becoming a recording artist. She had the voice of an angel, yet the red hair she sported at the time belied that there was a devilish undertone to her. There was always something deliciously wonderful bubbling to the top, whether that be riding a horse, making a piece of jewelry, putting together one of her eclectic outfits or meticulously working out a new creative endeavor with her beloved Holga toy camera.

Every inch of her was about being joyously creative. Later, she ventured into photography. Everything had an angle, a hue or a tone that was 'oh so Tammy.' Her journey into the profession started at Valley College in the photojournalism department under the tutelage of Rod Lyons, who taught her that every picture indeed tells a thousand stories. If there was a photo to flush out, you could always count on her to put just the right spin on it. She tracked down governors, car shows, cop killers and anything else she found fit to be newsworthy. She was relentless in her pursuit to capture 'it!' Her hard work paid off, earning her several very prestigious photography awards. Adding to her legacy at Valley, she was chosen to edit "55 Years of Los Angeles Valley College," a book that chronicles the history of the college.

After getting her degree, she landed at the Los Angeles Times/TCN, shooting for the Glendale News-Press and the Burbank Leader. This was a huge step for her because she was fulfilling a dream. It was one more wrung on the ladder toward working downtown at The Times. Unfortunately,

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CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON CAMPUS



ANTWONE MERCER | VALLEY STAR

GETTING THERE- Glaziers Emiliano Lapena (left) and Ronnie Palma estimate that it will take two months to install all the windows at the Library and Academic Resource Center.

BIKING ON CAMPUS IS A STRUGGLE

Valley College pays little attention to students commuting on their bikes with a campus-wide lack of secure bike lockers.

ANNE CHRISTENSEN
STAFF WRITER

As Valley College is undergoing significant remodeling and construction projects, bike-riding students still struggle to find open spaces to park their bikes on a campus that relies on inadequate bike racks located in inconvenient locations on campus.

According to Erzy Perez, Valley's assistant softball coach and a criminal justice major at California State University Los Angeles, there aren't enough bike racks on campus and several racks are placed behind buildings in

un-lit areas. This not only makes theft easier, but it also is harder for students to find the racks in the first place. Perez was once asked by the Sheriff's Department to remove her bike, which she had locked to a railing, despite it being the only bike there and there being no available bike rack in sight. "I don't like the racks," Perez said of the standard bike racks on campus. "Not all racks are properly secured to the ground and can easily be removed."

According to the League of American Bicyclists and their online University Scorecard, Valley is not a bike-friendly campus. The scorecard evaluates the engineering, education, encouragement and enforcement aspects of being a bike-friendly campus—asking specific questions about parking, bike paths, staff and student incentives and programs to prevent bike theft. Valley only scores three points out of 15 on the

scorecard, indicating a long way to go before being considered bike-friendly. In sharp contrast to Valley is Stanford University, located in the Bay Area. Stanford was awarded the only Platinum-level award by the League's Bicycle Friendly America Program in recognition of creating an exceptionally bike-friendly environment. Other bike-friendly campuses in the state are University of California, Davies, Santa Barbara, Long Beach, Irvine and Los Angeles.

Theft is another concern for students. Perez has had bike parts stolen on campus, despite the bike being locked to a rack; first the seat, followed by the rear tire. Perez wanted to file a report with the campus Sheriff's Department, but staff said that nothing official could be done, according to Perez, and implied that the theft wasn't significant. "Yes, the right thing to do is to make a report," Perez said. However, once she was

rebuffed trying to file a report for the first stolen item, she didn't try again when the tire was stolen. "It wasn't a good feeling."

The Sheriff's Department—comprised of two deputies, 13 security officers and nine cadets—have filed an average of 36 petty theft reports per month between 2002 and 2010. When asked about Perez's unsuccessful attempt to file a report for her stolen bike seat and wheel, security officer Billy Guzman said he found it hard to believe that an officer had refused to file a report. Guzman added that a potential return of the stolen items would have been possible if Perez had brought a receipt or the serial number of the stolen items. "If the item is traceable, it's better for the report," Guzman said. "Even if you don't have the identifying paperwork with you when you file the report, you can always return and they will be added to your file."

Reporting a theft on campus

helps the Sheriff's Department and college administration spot negative trends, according to Tom Jacobsmeyer, vice president of Administrative Service. "If you don't report it, we can't work against the trend of criminal activity. Even if it's a crappy bike, it's important." The Sheriff's Department reports crime statistics to Jacobsmeyer's Administrative Service office, where no reports of bike theft on campus have been received. But a closer inspection tells a different story: "At least one bike was reported stolen from February to September 2011," according to Guzman, who handled the report himself.

Jacobsmeyer acknowledges that Valley doesn't have many bike facilities on campus. However, he says more bike racks will be added as renovations move forward. Though, secured lock-up

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GRACE PERIOD OVER FOR CAMPUS DRIVERS

Citations are now being issued for students who park on campus without passes.

SANDRA SAY
STAFF WRITER

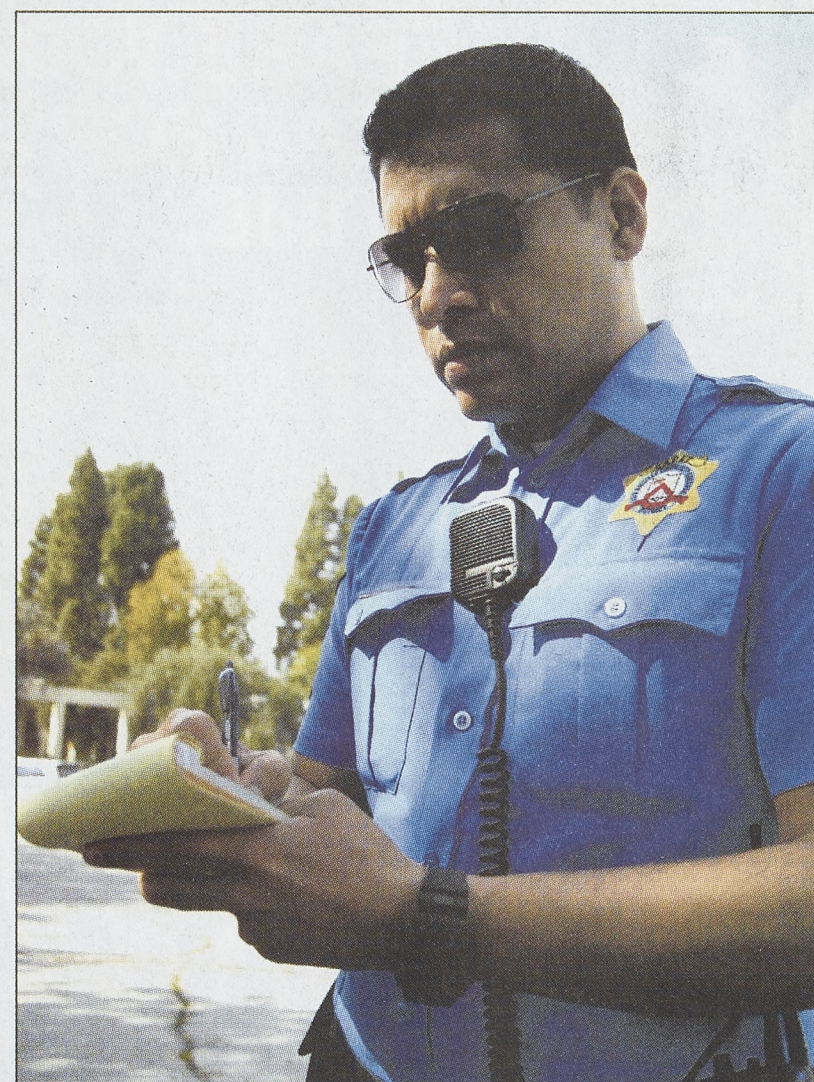
Valley College's Sheriff's Department has begun issuing parking citations starting Sept. 12, requiring students to have a valid parking pass for their vehicle in order to avoid being fined.

According to Valley's Website, "At the beginning of each semester/session, all students are given a one-week grace period for parking (in the student lots only), in which they can register for classes and purchase a parking permit from the business office." The grace period in which students were free of being ticketed has expired; students are now required to display a parking permit when using any of the student parking lot, A, B, C, D, E, and G.

The sheriff's department has made more money this year from issuing citations than the business office has made from selling parking permits. The cost of a parking ticket is \$35, whereas a parking permit costs \$20. Parking statistics reveal that 4,723 citations have been issued between January and August of this year. "Students using staff parking lots is the most common violation," said officer Acevedo. "Especially the one on Ethel Avenue." The lot Acevedo refers to is located between the North Gym and the Field House.

Annie Harutyunyan of the sheriff's office said, "The easiest way to avoid [a ticket] is to purchase a parking permit." Parking permits can be purchased in the business office, which is located on the corner of campus drive and Hatteras Street. All fees must be paid in order to be eligible to buy a permit.

Further parking violations include failure to demonstrate a



JENNIFER MORGAN | VALLEY STAR

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN-Cadet Mike Rivas issues a ticket to student illegally parked.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The final day to petition for credit/ no credit is Friday, Sept. 23

The final day to drop classes without receiving a "W" is Sunday, Sept. 26

The final day for Fall 2011 graduation petitions is Thursday, Sept. 30

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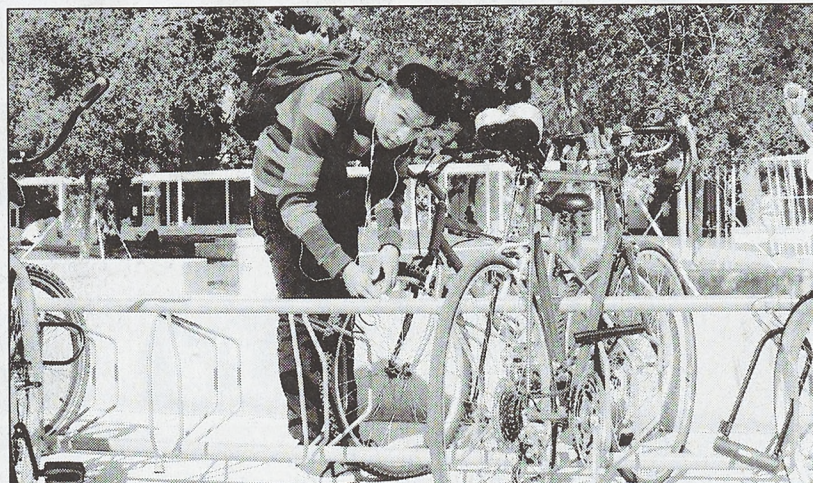
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facilities where you rent access to a locked storage unit is not in the cards any time soon. "Never seen them, don't know about it," Jacobsmeier said, adding that installing locked storage units on campus would require Valley to outsource the construction and maintenance. Passengers riding on the Metro system can rent bike lockers, managed by the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, located at many rail and Orange Line stations. The rental fees are currently \$24 for six months plus a

\$50 refundable security key deposit.

Student Michelle Vasquez, an undecided major, rides her bike to campus. So far, nothing has been stolen, but she says it's often a struggle to find a place to securely lock the bike while attending class. "I can't find bike racks, and they're isolated so I think people might steal my bike," Vasquez said, preferring a more secure way to lock her bike instead of the current racks. A designated bike parking lot with security would be ideal, said Perez, but she would be willing to settle for renting a locked storage unit. "This is a bike-unfriendly campus," Perez said.



MISSING WHEELS- Carlos Granados a sociology transfer student at Valley, locks his bike up on the racks in front of the Student Services Center while attending class.

TEST TIME

Valley College offers a G.E.D. program for students and other people that do not have a High School diploma.

MICHAEL MKERCHYAN
STAFF WRITER

For those who do not have a high-school diploma, Valley College has a program to give them the opportunity to get a general education development certificate through the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids. "Since becoming the official testing site, it's become a one-stop deal. What happens is, they come in for the practice test. We evaluate the test, and depending on the student, we offer the appropriate class," said Margie Thomas, GED coordinator for Valley's CalWORKs program. "Everybody has a different reason for not having a high-school diploma, [but] the thing they have in common is they're usually all nervous about taking the test and not passing it."

According to the Los Angeles Community Colleges District Website, there are several types of

classes offered by the CalWORKs program, including English as a second language, adult basic education and general education development preparation. Classes are taught in an open-entry, open-exit format with tutorial and computer-assisted instruction. Instruction is also integrated within the curriculum. For instance, basic skills instruction reinforces the vocabulary learned in computer training.

"It is an opportunity for those who made mistakes in high school or for some reason never went, to redeem themselves and continue their education or any other intentions in life that they want to see realized," said political science major Giovanni Zuniga, who completed the program.

The CalWORKs office is located in Bungalow 14 and is open Mondays through Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon.

VALLEY STAR CORRECTION

Last week, Issue 2, the food review was inaccurately attributed to Samson Uba, photo editor. The correct author of the photo was Maggie Hasbun, staff photographer.

WIEDER FILLS TOP SPOT

Tyree Wieder comes out of retirement to serve as East Los Angeles College's interim president.

COURTNEY BASSLER
ONLINE EDITOR

After serving 14 years as Valley College president, Tyree Wieder is coming out of her three-year retirement to act as interim president of East Los Angeles College.

According to East Los Angeles College's press release, Wieder will be acting as president until the spring semester when the campus will appoint a permanent president.

Wieder plans on working on the Achieve the Dream project that all nine colleges of the Los Angeles Community College District are part of. Like Valley College, East L.A. is in its first year, the planning year, of the Achieve the Dream.

Wieder looks forward to working with the East L.A.'s faculty, staff and students help with finding a new president and making the campus a better place for all.

CITATIONS

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front license plate results in a fine of \$76 and illegal use of a handicap space is a \$335 citation.

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that dream was cut short when her illness reared again and she was forced to take leave to fight her most intense battle. Tammy underwent a stem-cell transplant in May of last year. It was the final push to rid her of the disease very few people knew she had. It was a miracle because it did rid her of cancer, but the battle compromised her immune system, and she was unable to return to work.

But Tammy being Tammy, she spent countless hours trying to figure out how she could help others. Eventually, she formed a non-profit organization, Tammy Abbott Fine Arts, in hopes of publishing a charitable interactive book for young children who were facing a transplant just as she had. It was something she wanted very badly. She always wanted to give back. In her honor, her daughter and I will try to finish what she started. No one deserved a legacy more than our beautiful Ms. Abbott.

There will be a memorial service for our dear friend, which will be announced soon.



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IDEAS Script Workshop sponsored by LAVC Institute for Developing Entertainment Arts and Studies (IDEAS) Program @ 7-9:30 p.m. (Campus Center, Room 104) - Contact: Dan Watanabe (310) 339-3990

Thursday, September 22

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ALWAYS HERE TO HELP

The new Family Resource Center offers classes, sessions and tools for local residents and students.

COURTNEY BASSLER
ONLINE EDITOR

Many expect a community college to offer classes for those who want to transfer or obtain an associate's degree, but Valley College's Family Resource Center is putting the community in community college by offering classes and resources to local new parents.

Nicole Goddard, a Valley alumna who received her bachelor's degree from CSUN in child development has come back to Valley to work on campus helping out at the Family Resource Center. Goddard urges residents to take part in the classes and

other opportunities for their kids. "It's a chance for the community, students and children to interact," said Goddard. "It's important for kids to be around kids their own age along with the parents."

The Family Resource Center moved this year after the child development buildings were completed in spring 2011. Through the center, local residents can take non-credit classes like Parenting 20CE offered each semester.

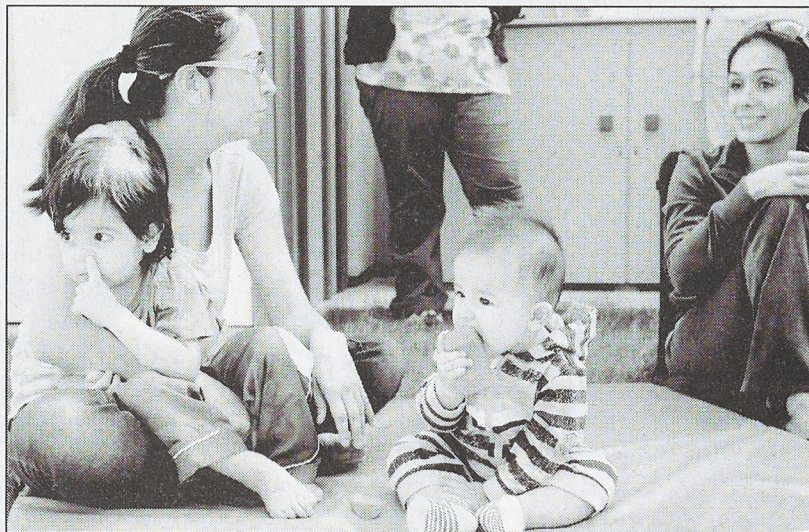
Parenting 20CE meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and students learn about issues such as bedtime routines, discipline and food and nutrition. Here, the parents or the caregiver and the children, mainly infants and kids up to age 3 attend these classes together.

However, the center offers more than just a class for parents. Every

Tuesday and Thursday, toddlers ages 2 to 3 have a Creative Activities Playgroup. Here, the children participate in many activities that will prepare them for preschool such as arts and crafts, music and sensory and dramatic play.

There is also a monthly "Daddy and Me" class for fathers and infants up to age 3. Offered usually the third Saturday of the month, children bond with their dads from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Besides classes and sessions with parents and kids, the Family Resource Center has a small library with many informational videos and books that parents in the community are welcome to use. The center also has a drawer of baby clothes that parents are welcome to use. Many use them and bring some of their children's hand-me-downs in turn for others to use.



MAGGIE HASBUN | VALLEY STAR
PICKING A WINNER - Children play with a childcare provider at Valley College's Family Resource Center.

Criminal Justice major Mark Contreras had been to the Family Resource Center this year and is happy that his school helps out the community. "I think Valley offers a good Family Resource Center for the community. The staff at the center

tries to help its customers in the best way possible," said Contreras. "It is a very welcoming environment."

To find out more about the Family Resource Center on campus, visit the center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, contact the center at (818) 778-5612.

5 QUESTIONS: JULIANNE HOUGH

The "Footloose" shares her thoughts about the upcoming remake.

JOSHUA P. SPENCE
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Valley Star: Craig Brewer is doing these gritty southern films like "Hustle and Flow" and "Black Snake Moan." What did he add to the remake of "Footloose"?

Julianne Hough: I think that there truly was no better choice than Craig Brewer. To be honest, "Footloose" could've been very easy to remake or you could have made it very cheesy, and Craig didn't do that. This version has the same heart as the 1984 film but it feels completely original.

VS: You have your foot in the dance world and now in movies, which do you like better?



COURTESY OF PARAMOUNT

JH: Which do I like better? I can't choose! I love the film world. It's a different kind of focus for me. The film world is so new that right now I'm just going to focus on that.

VS: How has it been dealing with fans of the original since this film is a remake?

JH: There is really nothing to deal with. I am so confident in this film. If I wasn't, I wouldn't be promoting it. "Footloose" is a film that is always close to my heart. The original [film location] was in Georgia but the remake is in Utah, and

I'm from Utah. Plus, Craig Brewer is the director. No one can do this film justice like Craig. People who loved the original will be impressed by the direction this film goes.

VS: How did you go about making the character of Ariel Moore as your own?

JH: I loved the original, but the one thing missed was Ariel. She was a bad girl and almost kind of a bitch. I thought, "Why would Ren go with her?" I love that Craig rewrote her with so much depth. He emphasized the whole father/daughter relationship. I didn't watch the [original] film when I found out I got booked for the film because I didn't want to mimic her (Lori Singer) at all. I wanted it to feel original.

VS: What was your favorite during filming?

JH: Oh, my gosh. There were so many. I would have to say that the dances were great with everyone working together. I had my family there actually, in the cowboy line dancing scene. It was so much fun. The scenes that really challenged my acting was working with Dennis Quaid. Very rewarding and fun.

TAE-PTK AWARDS FUNDS

Four departments were awarded scholarship money to their honors programs from fundraising efforts of Tau Alpha Epsilon-Phi Theta Kappa honors society.

COURTNEY BASSLER
ONLINE EDITOR

More than 30 students, faculty members and professors gathered Tuesday in Campus Center 208 for Tau Alpha Epsilon and Phi Theta Kappa's honors scholarship awards ceremony to gift four departments scholarships through the monies that the honors society fundraised from the previous school year.

Mainly through its Halloween costume fundraiser and other fundraising efforts, TAE-PTK collected almost \$4,000 to award scholarships to the music, debate and English departments, as well as the Transfer Alliance Program.

The awards ceremony started with President Shawn Besharty addressing the group of those who

attended, explaining that \$2,000 of the fundraised monies will be going to the departments awarded Tuesday.

"TAE-PTK voted on what departments to award [based on] who they considered most deserving and the needs of serving the students," explained TAE-PTK Besharty.

Dr. Carole Yee, dean of academic affairs, who spoke to the group on behalf of Valley College administration, thanked TAE-PTK for all of their work and wished them success this school year.

The first department honored Dr. Michael Arshagouni and Glen Carlos of the music department for their efforts in inspiring honors students to continue their music education.

Professors Joshua Miller of the debate program and Meredith Kurz of the English department's creative writing program, were also honored for overcoming financial limitations this year.

The final program highlighted the Transfer Alliance Program, which helps students planning to transfer to four-year schools.

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PASADENA TOO MUCH FOR VALLEY

Back-to-back losses give Monarchs a rude awakening in a 39-9 loss Saturday against the Pasadena Lancers at Monarch Stadium.

ANTWONE MERCER
STAFF WRITER

If numbers tell the story in football, it's easy to see why the Valley College Monarchs dropped its second consecutive game Saturday, 39-9, to the visiting Pasadena Lancers.

The Monarchs, 1-2, gave up 385 yards in the air and 128 yards on the ground to Pasadena. It's the second straight game where the defense has been shredded. On Sept. 17, College of the Desert

gobbled up 653 total yards on its way to a 41-9 win. The defense has seen its last two opponents combine for 1,101 yards, while the offense has only managed 360 yards. The unfavorable numbers have sent coach Jim Fenwick looking for answers.

"We know we are better than this," Fenwick said. "We have a group of young guys, and maybe I am asking too much from them."

The team's troubles don't just sit on the defensive end. The offense can't get over the 9-point barrier in its last two contests.

"We have no team chemistry, no nothing," said left guard Sherron Tillman. "We need to go back to the basics."

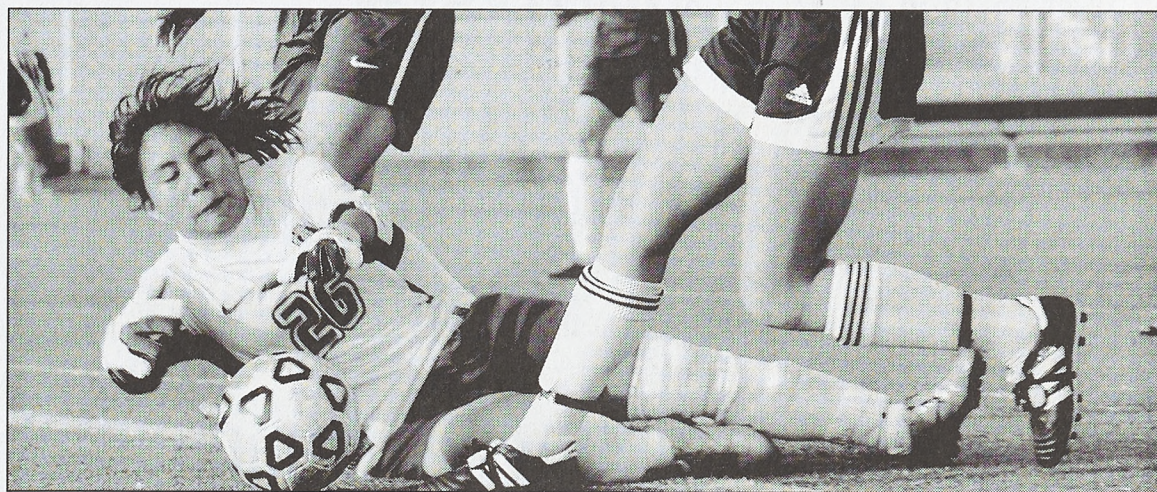
The Monarchs drew first blood Saturday against Pasadena. Martin Meza connected on a 48-yard field goal

to give the home team a 3-0 lead two minutes into the game. The Lancers added six points in the first quarter and 19 in the second, pushing its lead to 25-3.

Valley quarterback Dan Owen connected with Christopher Walker on a 20-yard pass play to cut the Lancers' lead to 25-9 with 38 seconds left before the half. Meza couldn't convert the extra point.

The Lancers added 14 points in the second half when Cesar Hernandez rushed for a 10-yard touchdown in the third quarter. Hernandez punched in another score from two yards out early in the fourth, making the final score 39-9.

The Monarchs will visit the San Diego Mesa Olympians Saturday.



GREAT SAVE - Valley College Monarchs' Monica Elisea stops a sure goal in Friday's 7-2 loss against Antelope Valley.

MONARCHS CRUSHED AT HOME

The Monarchs faced yet another crushing defeat at the hands of Antelope Valley College.

CRISTINA SERRATO
STAFF WRITER

After an intense home game the Lady Monarchs added a 7-2 loss against the Antelope Valley College Marauders to their growing string of defeats.

"It was a strange game, and I really don't think the score line is a fair reflection, as we honestly played one of our best games," said head coach Shane Watkins. "We simply didn't score a couple [goals] that we should have, and we gifted them at least five of their goals. We made some really silly mistakes."

Pitted against the stronger, faster and more aggressive Marauders, the Monarchs struggled to close goals in their second home game. The Marauders simply dominated the field for the entire first half, shutting out the Monarchs and scoring two early goals. After several attempts at

goals, Valley continually left their defenses down, allowing Antelope Valley to quickly score two goals, which ended the first half with a dismal 4-0.

"[Winning] takes a lot of practice," said onlooker Melissa Hernandez. "I just hope [Valley] gets better."

Valley had little support to offer the suffering Lady Monarchs, as there was no announcer, scoreboard, music or concession stand and few fans sprinkled the bleachers. However, the loud shouts of the many Marauder fans and family who attended the game could be easily heard. Excited and supportive, the fans remained happy though they were "forced" to sit with the few fans of the home team.

"I came to support my friend, and I'm happy we're winning," grinned Antelope Valley supporter Cesar Navarro.

The Monarchs began the second half with renewed gusto and quickly scored their first goal on the relentless Marauders with a free kick outside the 18-yard box, scored by Franchesca "Frenchy" Vasquez, followed by another fast goal by Monarch midfielder Dalia Vides. However, Antelope Valley refused to back down and immediately scored three more goals. The Marauders relentless onslaught

forced the Lady Monarchs to stomach a bitter 7-2 loss.

"I think my team played one of their best games and executed many things on the field that we have been working on in training.

I have never been so pleased with a 7-2 loss," said Watkins. "Our next game is against West L.A., which is a team that I feel we should beat on paper, but we have had a tendency to make every game interesting, so we will just have to play the game and see what happens."



ELUDING THE DEFENSE- Sept. 16, Friday afternoon the Los Angeles Valley College womens soccer team lost 2-7 against Antelope Valley College. Small mistakes in the defense cost the team the game, ending at an embarrassing loss in a home game.



THE AGONY OF DEFEAT - Heads hung low after another disappointing loss at Monarch stadium against the Pasadena Lancers.

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TAMMY ABBOTT

Mother, friend, photojournalist and former Valley College student Tammy Abbott died Saturday from complications from cancer after battling several diseases for two decades. She was 53. Abbott wrote that her "journey into photojournalism started out as a sliver of light that turned into a beacon, a desire that has become a lifestyle of searching for moments in time." She was a staff photographer for the Glendale News-Press and Burbank Leader. During her tenure at Valley from 2002 to 2005, Tammy worked for the Valley Star as a photographer, Valley Life editor and photo editor before graduating with her associate's degree.

Tammy touched many people's lives and remained close friends with many of her former classmates from Valley. Friends remember her spirit, kindness, generosity, humor and resilience up to the end. "Tammy was a true-blue warrior in her much too short life. No matter what was thrown her way, whether it be a photo assignment or a chemo session, she faced it with the strength of an army and never flinched, never looked back and never doubted she'd come out on top. She truly taught me the meaning of what brave really means. I will miss her dearly, as will most who knew her," said Jacqui Brown who worked with Tammy as a reporter on the Valley Star. Tammy continued photographing and creating art through numerous mediums, such as painting, making jewelry and singing, before succumbing to her illness Saturday. She is survived by her daughter Rachel.

